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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Jay M. Short  
Serial No.: 09/214,645  
Filed: September 27, 1999  
Title: METHOD OF DNA SHUFFLING WITH POLYNUCLEOTIDES PRODUCED BY BLOCKING OR INTERRUPTING A SYNTHESIS OR AMPLIFICATION PROCESS

Art Unit: 1655  
Examiner: B. Sisson

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for responding to the Office Action dated April 25, 2000.

The requested extension is for three (3) months, extending the period for response to October 25, 2000.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on 10-24-00, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

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A check in the amount of \$445.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for this three (3)-month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required by this filing, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A copy of the Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 10/24/00

  
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